

2020 08 30 Service of the Word.

IN THE NAME

P: "O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house

C: And the place where Your glory dwells."

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Friends in Christ: Let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: We confess that we are born in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We deserve Your eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Amen.

P: Upon this your confession and prayer I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you!

C: Amen.

PSALM 26:1-8

P: Vindicate me, O LORD,

for I have walked in my integrity,

and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

C: Prove me, O LORD, and try me;

test my heart and my mind.

For Your steadfast love is before my eyes,

and I walk in Your faithfulness.

I do not sit with men of falsehood,

nor do I consort with hypocrites.

I hate the assembly of evildoers,

and I will not sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence

and go around Your altar, O LORD,

Proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,

and telling all Your wondrous deeds.

O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house

and the place where Your glory dwells.

C: Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray that we may offer ourselves to God.

C: Lord God, Your Son humbled Himself in obedience to Your will and gave up His life for us. Transform and renew us within. Help us not to be conformed to this world, but to dedicate ourselves to You, and do what pleases You. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

P: Our Scripture reading for today comes from **Romans 12:9-21**

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honour. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honourable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

APOSTLES CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

SERMON for today is based on **Romans 12:9-21**

P: Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sermon “Is that even controversial?”

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray!

C: Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanks what You have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions — as signs of Your goodness and symbols of our love. Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ, who offered Himself for us. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to our heavenly Father that His love would be seen throughout the world and evil be overcome.

Almighty God and Father, we thank You for all Your goodness, and especially for the gift of Your dear Son, through whom You have revealed Your will and grace. Plant Your word in us, and help us to keep it in our hearts so that we bear much fruit.

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Protect and strengthen Your church, so that Your word and sacraments may nurture faith in You and love to all people. Be with all who spread the light of Your truth throughout the world.

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless Australian Lutheran College and all the schools of the church, so that they may send out people to serve You by proclaiming Your word, by helping others, and by doing Your will in their daily lives. Let the light of Your word continue to shine in our homes. Keep the children of the church in the grace of their baptism, and help all who care for them to bring them up to trust and obey You. Have mercy on the enemies of Your church, so that they may repent and live.

Lord in Your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, heavenly Father, for our faith and faithfulness, especially for those persecuted for the cause of Christ; and for our strength in time of trial and testing for us to persevere in grace in the day of trouble.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For the Church, for the pastors who serve us, that they may be faithful stewards of God’s mysteries; and for those at home and abroad, who bring the message of salvation to those who have not heard.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For Scott Morrison, our Prime Minister, and for all legislators and civil servants; for those who must render judgment and impose punishment upon lawbreakers; and for those who work for peace among the nations.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For favourable weather and for those who tend the soil and harvest its fruits; for business and industry, service workers and artisans; for generosity toward those in need; and for the unemployed and underemployed.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For those married, that they would live in fidelity to their vows and promises; for parents as they teach their children to know and love the Lord; for single adults, that they may find fulfillment in their service to others; and for our lives together showing the love of Christ one to another.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For grace to take up the cross and follow the Lord wherever He leads; for courage in the face of challenge and adversity; and for compassion and harmony in our life together. And especially for our fellow saints Margaret Moll, Pat and Bob Taplin, and also for all whom we now silently mention in our hearts... ..

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer!**

For all who are affected by the current pandemic, for our neighbours in Victoria, and especially for our brothers and sisters in less affluent countries, where the pressures and stresses are much higher, we pray especially for pastor Rabindra Das, for his family and for our fellow saints in Nepal, for pastor James May and his family and for our brothers and sisters in Kenya. Be their rock and don't let them be put to shame.

Lord in Your mercy, **hear our prayer!**

For holy lives of faith; for faith to receive the Lord's gift of His flesh and blood in the Holy Sacrament; and for this holy assembly, that we may present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

For our remembrance of the saints and grace to follow their example of faith; for God to grant us a place with them in their fellowship; and for our eternal life in God's kingdom without end.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

Almighty God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, and grant to us all good things needful to this body and life and keep from us all things harmful. From You, through You and to You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with the Holy Spirit, You are one Lord, one God, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour †, and give you peace.

C: Amen